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As explained in the Remarks of that prior Preliminary Amendment, the purpose of that claim cancellation was to eliminate all multiply dependent claims. At that time, an English-language translation was not yet available, so that a more commonly used method for eliminating such multiple dependencies could not be employed.

That English-language translation is now available, and in fact is being co-filed with this Second Preliminary Amendment.

The present, Second Preliminary Amendment restores claims 3 - 28 (in English) but without any multiple dependencies.

Thus, there is being achieved the "end result" which was described starting on line 3 on page 3 of the prior Preliminary Amendment, namely an application with no multiply dependent claims.

As also pointed out in the Remarks of that prior Preliminary Amendment, the filing fee which was paid when this Section 371 application was originally filed, was already based on a total of 28 claims, but without any multiply dependent claims, and so was the fee payment which accompanied the filing of that application.

In view of all the above, it is requested that this application be examined on the basis of English-language claims 1 - 28.

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